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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Christopher Onuaku

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,10-12,14 and 22-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,10-12,14 and 22-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/18/05 has been entered.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1,3,10&11 are objected to because of the lack of clarity for the limitation in the claim as shown below:

Claim 1 recites the limitation " ...said indicated video moving picture image data which have been stored in said first digital storage unit ..." in lines 11-12. There is lack of clarity for this limitation in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claims 12&14 are objected to because of the lack of clarity for the limitation in the claim as shown below:

Claim 12 recites the limitations " ...said indicated video moving picture image data which have been stored in said first random-access storage unit ..." in lines 10-11. There is lack of clarity for this limitation in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

4. Claim 22 is objected to because of the lack of clarity for the limitations in the claim as shown below:

Claim 22 recites the limitations " ...reading said indicated video moving picture image data which have been stored in said first random-access storage unit ..." in lines 10-11; and further recites the limitation " ...when storing said indicated video moving picture image data into said first digital data storage unit." in lines 28-29. There is lack of clarity for these limitations in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

5. Claim 23 is objected to because of the lack of clarity for the limitations in the claim as shown below:

Claim 23 recites the limitation " ...reading said indicated video moving picture image data which has been stored in said first digital data -storage unit ..." in lines 11-12; and further recites the limitation "... control unit reads said indicated video moving picture image data from said first digital data storage unit..." in lines 15-16 . There is lack of clarity for these limitations in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

6. Claim 24 is objected to because of the lack of clarity for the limitations in the claim as shown below:

Claim 24 recites the limitation "... said indicated video moving picture image data which has been stored in said first digital data -storage unit ..." in lines 11-12; and further recites the limitation "... said indicated video moving picture image data of one title which has been stored in said first digital data storage unit..." in lines 15-16. There is lack of clarity for these limitations in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

7. Claim 25 is objected to because of the lack of clarity for the limitation in the claim as shown below:

Claim 25 recites the limitation "... said indicated video moving picture image data which has been stored in said first digital data storage unit ..." in lines 8-9. There is lack of clarity for this limitation in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Onuaku whose telephone number is 571-272-7379. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on 571-272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. NOTE: Effective July 15, 2005, the Central Fax Number will change to 571-273-8300. Faxes sent to the old number (703-872-9306) will be routed to the new number until September 15, 2005.

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